

CIRCULAR TO THE CLERGY.

TORONTO, 18th July, 1853.

REV. DEAR SIR,

The "Toronto Mirror" of the 15th instant, published a Circular of Ours on the Supplementary School Act, which you will make use of according to your wisdom and circumstances.

I do not want to tell you that you are, *de jure divino*, the Trustee and Superintendent of all the Catholic Schools of your mission; and that We cannot do too much for the religious training of Our little ones, and the preservation of their faith and morals.

But I would recommend to your zeal on the matter of education, as well as on dangerous books, Protestant prayers, and mixed marriages, the Pastoral address of the Provincial Council of Dublin.

Our Ecclesiastical Retreat will begin on the evening of the 6th September, and will be concluded by a Synod on the 13th and 14th, to which all the Missionaries of the Diocese are hereby convoked. With the beautiful Text of Pius IX., quoted in our Circular of the 4th July 1851, we will prepare ourselves for the advantages of that Spiritual Retreat, by the means pointed out by the Holy Pontiff, to ensure its success.

Let your people know the reasons of your absence on the second Sunday of September, and let them pray for its double object; at the same time that we will continue ourselves at Mass the Orations *De Spiritu Sancto*.

The Rev. Deans are requested to send Us their notes on the state of their respective Deaneries; and the observations in writing of any missionary, on the reformations and improvements to be made in the Diocese, would be welcome.

Those who will not be able to come either to the Retreat or to the Synod, will send Us their excuse.

Every missionary is expected to take along with him to Toronto his Surplice, Stole and Barrett, the New Testament, the Following of Christ, the Decrees of the Council of Quebec, the Statutes of the Diocese, the Duplicates of Baptisms, Marriages, &c., and his Holy Oils Stock.

We are authorised to communicate to you Our Faculty granted by the Holy See on the 20th June 1852, to bless Beads, Crucifixes, and medals with Indulgences.

Perhaps you might be able to prepare ways and means, in order to place on your return home some of our orphan boys and girls.

I remain, &c.,

† ARMANDUS F. M.

Bishop of Toronto.

